GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:443
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
ACCOMMODATION ALLOTTED TO POLITICAL PARTIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the accommodations allotted to various political parties have been cancelled;

(b) if so, whether the residential accommodation allotted from general pool to the employees of various political parties have also been cancelled;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Hon`ble Supreme Court had issued guidelines regarding the allotment of residential accommodation to the employees of the political parties;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the steps taken to comply with those guidelines; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. Cancellation of allotment of Govt. accommodation allotted to various political parties have been done in terms of revised guidelines finalised by the Govt. for allotment of accommodation from General Pool to political parties.

(d)&(e): The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 23.12.96in CWP No.585/94 had directed to frame revised guidelines and the political parties would be entitled to allotment as per the policy to be framed. After the policy has been framed, those political parties who would be in occupation of excess number of units or would not be eligible as per the revised policy, would be given reasonable time to vacate the accommodation under their occupation.

(f): Revised guidelines have been framed and issued. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(g): The question does not arise.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.443 FOR 25.7.2000.

(i) The National Political Parties, which have beenrecognised as such by the Election Commission of India, shall be allowed to retain/secure allotment of one house unit from General Poolin Delhi for their office use on payment of licence fee under FR 45A, i.e. the normal licence fee.

(ii) The said accommodation will be provided for a period of three years during which the party would acquire a plot of land in an institutional area and will construct its own accommodation for party office.

(iii) One residential accommodation would be allotted/allowed to be retained by the party President of recognised national party in case the president does not have a house in Delhi, either of his own or allotted by Government in any other capacity.

(iv) The facility of office accommodation will also be given to the State level parties recognised by the Election Commission of India provided it has, in the opinion of the Accommodation Committee of Cabinet, adequate representation in Parliament and its case for allotment is approved by the CCA on its merit.

(v) The other buildings allotted or in occupation of any political party stand cancelled. However, a period of six months or up to the time the allotment has been made, whichever is earlier would be given to the party to make alternate arrangement and vacate the Government accommodation.